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SOVIET MACHINES FOR COTTON AND INDUSTRIAL CROPS

COTTON MACHINERY IN PRODUCTION -- Moscow, Pravda, 3 Dec 53

The Kanibadam Machinery plant is producing cotton-pressing machines and cotton-seed-cleaning machines.

The Stalinabad Sel'elektro (Rural Electrification) Plant and the Stalinabad Machinery Repair Plant are producing machines for drying cotton.

PRODUCE FANS FOR COTTON PICKERS -- Tashkent, Pravda Vostoka, 15 Nov 53

The Tashkent Plant imeni Chkalov, Ministry of Local and Fuel Industry Uzbek SSR, has begun producing fans for cotton pickers. The plant's daily production of this item is above plan.

COTTON-CLEANING MACHINE IMPROVED -- Tashkent, Pravda Vostoka, 27 Nov 53

The experimental shop of the Tashkent Tashsel'mash Agricultural Machine Building Plant has built five models of the UPKh-1.5 cotton cleaner. The cotton cleaners, designated UPKh-1.5-A, are now being tested in kolkhoses of Central Asia.

In one hour, the UPKh-1.5-A cleans either 700 kilograms of ripe cotton bolls or 1,500-1,800 kilograms of unopened cotton bolls.

DEVICE MEASURES TRASH AND MOISTURE IN COTTON -- Moscow, Khlopkovodstvo, Dec 53

TsNIIKhProm (Central Scientific Research Institute of the Cotton Industry) has developed a new apparatus for determining the trash and moisture content of cotton.

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TEA-PICKING MACHINES PRODUCED -- Moscow, Vechernyaya Moskva, 31 Oct 53

Since April 1953, the Experimental Plant of VISKhOM (All-Union Scientific Research Institute of Agricultural Machine Building) has produced 20 tea-picking machines which have passed tests on a tea plantation. The plant was given an assignment to produce four self-propelled tea-picking machines during October 1953.

FLAX AND HEMP MACHINES IMPROVED, PRODUCTION TO INCREASE -- Moscow, Izvestiya, 4 Nov 53

The Bezhetsk Agricultural Machinery Plant has improved the design and reduced the weight of complex flax threshers, complex hemp threshers, and several other machines.

In 1954, the plant's production of agricultural machines will be increased by 50 percent, and the production of flax pullers and flax scutchers will be doubled [as compared with 1953].

WATERMELON PROCESSER DEVELOPED -- Moscow, Izvestiya, 26 Nov 53

A machine for processing watermelon seeds has been devised by a kolkhoz engineer. The machine crushes the watermelons, removing the seeds. Six tons of ripe melons per day can be processed. Crushed watermelon rind is used as feed.

In several days the machine separated several tons of seeds, whereas in 1953 hand-picking yielded only 15 centners of seeds.

MACHINE-BUILDING PLANT TO MAKE HEMP REAPERS -- Vil'nyus, Sovetskaya Litva, 18 Dec 53

In 1954, the Lyubertsy Agricultural Machine Building Plant imeni Ukhtomskiy pledged to increase its output by 36 million rubles as compared with the 1953 plan. The plant plans to consolidate some shops and to rearrange others to make 750 square meters available for the production of 9,000 tractor-mounted mowers.

In 1954, the plant plans to produce 1,200 hemp reapers and 6 million rubles' worth of spare parts above the 1953 production.

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